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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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TONGUES, TITHES, KNOWLEDGE

What to Say, How to Do, and When to Act Are Important Matters in These Days.

MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO LEARN

There are many things that are not worth much, and to talk or write about them would be useless and a waste of our valuable time. But there are other things that are so very valuable that a close study of them often produce good results.

As we can only pass through this world one time it is very necessary that we spend our time in something worth while rather than throw it away in frivolity and foolishness. A wrong use of words may cause heart aches and trouble when the speaker only means all for good.

As Pentecostal people we are full believers in speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance when we receive the Holy Ghost, and at other times as well. We also believe in the gift of tongues as described in First Corinthians twelve and fourteen. But although we believe in tongues there may be a depth of meaning in this wonderful exercise that we are entirely unacquainted with.

Since we are branded as "tongues people" we need to know all we ought to about this wonderful experience. While we know more about it than any people in the world, yet if there is anything further to learn we are in the market for that knowledge. We do not intend to mill around in one little ring and never go any place. We must keep moving on, gaining new heights every day.

To speak in tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance is a beautiful experience. There can scarcely be anything more wonderful and glorious. It is almost too wonderful to believe that the Holy Ghost, the third person of the Trinity, will so marvelously take possession of us and talk through us independent of our efforts or the use of our mind, but that is just what happens to every one that is baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Then there is the gift of tongues that is to be controlled and brought under certain regulations at certain times and in a certain place. To explain this fully is too much for me. But I know all this is true without understanding it.

But there may be a secret chamber or cavity into which if we can make our way, that will reveal some mysterious things about the tongues that we need to know. But "the secret of the Lord is with them that fear him," and this evidently shows that God is very particular to whom He imparts His secrets. But a steady approach toward the secret of His presence will so transform our lives that soon marvelous and hidden mysteries will be unfolded in our very presence.

As we approach His hallowed presence I feel like exclaiming

in the language of one of the principle characters in The Song of Solomon, "Draw me, we will run after thee." We want to know more about the tongues in connection with our experience. In our hearts we cry, O, Lord let us in behind the veil, or remove the covering that hides from view one of the greatest mysteries ever brought to mortal man.

I am truly looking for greater developments as we near the time of the sounding of the trumpet when the dead in Christ shall be brought from their graves singing that strange and beautiful song, the strains of which have never fallen on mortal ear. No doubt at that thrilling moment the tongues as the Spirit gives utterance will be brought into use in a way scarcely thought of before. But we are evidently drawing very near that time, and this is all the more reason why we ought to make special effort to find our place and stay in it till Jesus comes.

Some have said that the devil can give tongues, but I never heard any body read in the Scripture where it said any body spoke in other tongues as the devil gave them utterance. I suppose it is true, however, that the devil can make people speak in other tongues, because people say he can, but I like the plain facts about things, and I see a number of instances recorded in the Bible where people spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance, or indications to that effect, and I have failed so far to find the other, but may be it is there and I have passed over it, as I used to do other things that I found later.

But however this may be, I question the propriety of our people saying very much about the devil giving people tongues. Even if he does, why is the use to dwell upon it much and probably hurt some weak one that has just recently got the baptism of the Holy Ghost and cause them to be afraid they have got the devil instead of the Holy Ghost whom they were seeking? I am ready for an answer if any body wants to give it.

The world accuses us of being of the devil anyway, and why do we need to join in with them and declare that the devil gives tongues, and often do it in a boisterous, boastful manner as if we had his majesty located? I do not object to this if that is the proper thing to do, but it occurs to my mind that such expressions might prevent some from seeking the Holy Ghost and talking in tongues for fear they might get the devil and talk in tongues by his power. And I do not see such expressions as this used in the Bible. But if such expressions are proper I'll not object. But what to say, how to do, and when to act,

are important matters in these days.

While there are, no doubt, depths of meaning in the tongues yet unexplored, it is also probable that there is something about paying tithes that is yet covered over and hidden away in the mist of ages. If such is the case, this also is to our interest to clear away the rubbish and take a good clear view of the subject.

The manner of institution in the first place was abrupt and mysterious. Not a hint of any such a practice, until one day after Abram had gained a victory in a battle against certain enemies, and he was returning from the battle field, he was suddenly confronted by Melchizedek, the priest of the most high God. It was during this time of intercourse, as the record shows, that Abram gave to this mysterious priest "tithes of all."

After this time there was a steady growth of this practice, and it was later incorporated in the law given by Moses, and carried on and on down the years until the gospel day when Jesus placed His approval upon it by saying, "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Both Old and New Testament writers have given special instruction about tithes. They tell who paid tithes, who ought to do it, and about a curse coming upon those that ignored the practice or refused to do it. They tell of the blessedness that comes to those who are faithful in this service, and about the troubles on the land of those who neglect. They tell what it is, where it is to be paid, and what to be used for. In fact, the many writers on the subject explain the matter so well, and endorse it so strongly, that it becomes a wonder to us why people are so slow in accepting the teaching and putting it into practice.

The tithe is one tenth of ones income. It may or may not be one tenth of all his receipts. If he is a wage earner and has invested nothing but his mind or physical strength he should take one tenth out for the Lord before he uses any of it. If he is an investor, such as a merchant, farmer or manufacturer, he should tithe his net income rather than his gross receipts. The merchant should pay for his goods and tithe the balance. The farmer should pay the cost of producing his crop outside of the labor of himself and family, such as fertilizer, hired help etc., and tithe the balance. The manufacturer should pay for his raw material and other cost of manufacturing and tithe the balance. This is the general principle of tithing.

It is wrong for a man to buy the food and clothing for himself and family and then tithe what is left. It is wrong to pay back debts before one tithes. Such bills as these should be paid out of the nine tenths left after the tithe is taken out. One tenth

of your income is the Lord's, and the nine-tenths are to support yourself and family. I am only giving the general principle of tithing and not the small matters in detail. These can all be readily computed by the individual if he is conscientious and honest.

The tithes are for the support of the ministers, but should not be paid direct to the minister by the individual that tithes. Those who pay tithes should bring them into the "storehouse," church treasury. From this treasury then shall the ministers be supplied. The pastor may or may not receive all the tithes paid into a local treasury. If all the members tithe, which they should do to be loyal members, it is likely that in most cases the pastor could be given a reasonable amount and have a surplus left in the treasury to help other ministers that may be battling along in some hard field.

Our financial system has not been lifted to the full standard, so I will only give these general principles, but as soon as it is put in working order according to the Bible up to the full standard, I feel sure a general inspiration will be kindled and the Church will move forward by leaps and bounds. But no one should refuse to pay tithes into the treasury of the local Church because the system has not yet been perfected. Let me repeat that in order to be a loyal member of the Church of God you will have to pay tithes. And those who fail, refuse, or ignore the order by the General Assembly, are considered disloyal.

In the matter of paying tithes as well as the tongues, what to say, how to do, and when to act, are important matters in these days. As we near the end we are required to be more strict in our observance of God's laws, if we are to be ready to go with the Bride-groom to the marriage supper. A few years ago people could be somewhat neglectful about their religious duties and probably make it through all right, but not so now. The strictest observance of our religious duties are none too strict now.

It is necessary now for us to know what to say, how to do, and when to act. Knowledge of our duties then must be acquired or we will likely have some regrets a little later. Some one has said, "Get money, son, get money, get it honestly if you can, but if not that way, get it any way. Get money, son, get money." I would change this somewhat and say, Get knowledge, son, get knowledge, for without knowledge you may be destroyed. "My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee." (Hosea 4:6.) Then in the face of this Scripture and many others, it is readily seen that we should make a special effort to learn.

We may not know all about the tongues yet, but we must make a special effort to learn what is best for us to know. We may not know the tithing sys-

tem perfectly, but we must make a special effort to learn all about it. It will not do for us to be deformed, in any part of the body. As long as we are deficient in knowledge of the financial system as outlined in the Bible just that long will we be deformed, and as long as we are deformed we will be dwarfed in the work that is ours to do—evangelize the world.

In regard to the financial system I might know just what to say, and how to do, but if I did not know just when to act I might miss the blessing and cause much disturbance and destruction by acting at the wrong time or failing to act at the right time. This is just as true in everything else as it is about the tithing system.

A banker who knows the combination of his safe lock perfectly will never try to pull the door open till the proper time, and when he does pull, it will swing open very readily. If you see a man pulling and nagging at his safe door and it fails to open, it is evident that he does not know the combination.

Many of the truths of the Bible are hidden behind a combination lock, and unless we know the combination, it is scarcely possible to uncover them and bring them out for general use. This is like the banker. If he fails to get his safe open because he does not know the combination his money will lie in the vault and be of no use to the public.

Tongues, tithes, knowledge, what to say, how to do, when to act are all combined into one combination lock, and if we do not know the combination, we should make a special effort to learn. This is another loud call for a Bible training school where preachers, missionaries and workers may be given a few months training and better prepare them for their ministry.

True we are doing much good work and God is giving us much encouragement, but we are not doing so well but what there is room for improvement. And we want to be able to advance and evangelize more rapidly. Many almost at our doors that are in total darkness about the great Church of God and her wonderful mission in the world. We must hasten on and tell them, and we need sufficient knowledge so we can shine out the beautiful light with more intense brilliancy. Learn the combination!

Romeo, Mich.

Dear Brother in Christ:

Greetings to the Church of God.

I have just come back here from Laurel, Mich. where I held a few meetings. I am busy for Jesus holding Him up to lost souls.

I want to ask the saints to pray the Lord to provide means for a folding organ. There are so many places that there isn't any instrument, and an organ is such a help in the work.

Your sister in Christ,
Elizabeth M. Seeley.

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EDITORIAL.

Let us have a united prayer now for God to give victory, so none of our brothers will have to go to the war.

Every body ought to have the Evangel come into their homes every week. Perilous times are on and this little messenger will bring you some information that you need to know.

Closer yet, beloved. Let us all nestle down closer together and closer to our great Protector for protection and mutual benefit in these last days of perilous times. This is only a little beginning. But God will help us and we can help each other by nestling closer together in fellowship under God's great government—The Church of God.

The Bible outlines a money system, both for the spread of the gospel and for the general welfare and protection of all the members of the church that must not be hidden much longer. There is a secret here that the world does not need to know, but we need to know it and we must not only know it, but we must also put it into practice soon. Greater perils than we have known are just ahead, but how wonderfully our faith develops as we rest in His will and utilize the provisions He has made for our protection.

WAR NOTICE

We have been giving, from time to time, some little scraps of information about the registration and conscript act in order to urge our men to keep a close watchout for news or information from the government, so they could be ready to file exemption claims. I earnestly hope that all are now very well informed about the matter so they will know just what to do. The information has been given in the public press along as the government has deemed proper to dispense it. If, however, there are any that are not thoroughly acquainted with their duties I advise that they secure the assistance of a friend or attorney upon whom they can depend, because this is a particular thing, and a flaw on account of a little ignorance of the proper steps to take may prove disastrous and send them to the war. And this we want to avoid. The principles of the Church of God are against war, and we cannot afford to have our consciences torn and bleeding on account of being forced

into it if there is any way out of it. So far, our government is reasonable and does not show any disposition to bind our conscience by forcing us into war against our religious convictions. Under the head of exemptions there are six reasons given for exemption. Only one of these will apply to our people with probably few exceptions. No. 2. Reads thus: That you are a regular or duly ordained minister of religion. If the proper proof is formed and it is done in the proper order this will exempt our ministers. This ought to include Bishops, Deacons, and Evangelists, but this may depend on the interpretation of the law or rules in the hands of the exemption board. We consider each of these orders as regular ministers, sent forth to preach, baptize and receive applicants into church membership.

Under the head of Claims for Discharge, there are more reasons given whereby we hope to save our men. The main ones to apply to us are as follows:

No. 8. That you are a married man with a wife or child dependent upon you for support.

9. That you have a widowed mother dependent upon your labor for support.

10. That you have aged or infirm parents dependent upon your labor for support.

12. That you are a brother of an orphan child or children under 16 dependent on your labor for support.

13. That you are a member of any well-organized religious sect or organization and existant May 18, 1917, and whose then existing creed or principles forbade its members to participate in any war in any form and whose religious convictions are against war or participation therein in accordance with the creed or principles of said religious organization.

This last will certainly liberate our people entirely, for we have been non-resistant from the very beginning, and one of our principle teachings has been, "But whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." This is shown in a leaflet that we can furnish any one on application.

The only difficulty I see in this is the preparing and filing of the proof and affidavits before the local exemption boards. In this, great care should be taken on the part of the registrant to have every item in perfect order.

Here is where it may be best in some cases to secure the assistance of an attorney, or friend upon whom you can depend, if you are the least bit in doubt of your knowledge and ability to perform such legal duties.

The time to attend to these matters is now here. You have seven days from the time you are called to your local board for examination to file your claim for exemption or discharge. Then after you file this claim you have ten days to prepare proof.

When you file your claim for exemption or discharge you must call for and obtain the necessary forms from the local exemption board.

There is much information that has not yet been given to the public by the government and it is necessary for every registrant to watch his local exemption board office for any additional information that might be to his interest in filing claims or preparing proof, or anything else.

In filing these claims, and, as a church as a whole, we want to be able to prove to the govern-

ment that it is not a matter of cowardice or rebellion, but strictly a matter of conscience and religious principles that causes us to make appeal for exemption and discharge.

If any of our members should in any way advocate war, or try to persuade any of these registrants to go on to war, or urge or enthruse them into a desire to fight, such members will be considered disloyal to the Church and also to the Christ of the Bible, and a continuance of the same may lead to the necessary action under our laws and principles. Such as this, however, seems very unlikely, as it is our purpose to have only such as members that are truly loyal to the blessed Jesus.

If you find according to your instructions that you will receive that you need our assistance in making certain proof about the church and its principles, you have only to call on us by mail or wire and we will do our best to furnish it on short notice. We hold ourselves in readiness to help our brothers in this time of peril any way that is in our power. But we do not yet know what will be required as the government has not yet informed our local boards as we go to press.

Some of our friends outside the church have already appealed to us for assistance, but much as it grieves our heart we are helpless to lend them any assistance now. It is too late now even to join the church with that object in view. Pentecostal people ought to have seen something of the value of the great Church of God a long time ago. For years we have been heralding the message far and wide and trying to show those with whom we come in contact that the Church of God is a means of protection for God's children, in these last days, and permit me to say that this will be proven more and more as the great day approaches.

As time runs on, God reveals the mysteries more and more, and we must get more and more settled down to working order as is required for the last days, deeper in His grace and Spirit and more thoroughly settled and protected under His great government—The Church of God.

Missionary.

I begin this on Steamer to Manila, P. I. May 31, 1917.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Your good letter with enclosure of \$25.00 was received while I was in Shantung. It came at a good time and truly was an encouragement to me. I wish to thank you and all who had the slightest part in it.

There were times of trials and testings after my husband went away, and often the way looked dark before us. Serious sickness came to my body and had I not known Jesus can heal all manner of diseases, I would have been very much troubled about myself. Praise God, victory came in a few days and with it such a sweetness and blessing in my soul until I could not feel sorry for what I had suffered. I knew the dear Lord had laid it upon my heart to again visit Shantung. For several weeks no way opened, but rather other ways would open to me of which I had no leading to follow at that time. However, I am happy to say after the testing, the dear Lord opened the way for us to go forward. The money came specified for just the purpose

I had wanted it, for my son's education and evangelistic work. O, I can't tell you how happy I was! The way had at last opened for me to obey what had been so upon my heart. On the train going up at one time we had no seat, but I was happy to stand up. Praise God! O, the joy and peace which comes from obedience.

On arriving there it was sad to see there had been many changes. Also there had been no rain in so long the wheat crop was ruining and too dry to plant other crops. The price of grain had advanced greatly and there was much need among the people. The heathen worshipers were having various parades and performances trying to get rain. The Christians seemed so glad to see us (my little boy and I) and tell us something of the joys and sorrows since we left. I had prayed on the way up there that the Lord would open my ears and loose my tongue and make it just wonderful the way I could talk and understand. He most blessedly answered prayer and the Chinese noticed right away the great change. One brother expressed it something like this, that because the Lord was soon coming. He had opened my mouth. One morning while in prayer the Spirit prayed through me in other tongues so blessedly. I had desired to pray about certain matters, but as I yielded up to the Spirit He made intercession through me in a language I knew not and discovered it was hard to get back to my English, but instead it was easier to use Chinese praises and blessing. I was greatly rejoiced for I knew He was answering prayer and making the Chinese language mine. We had some blessed times of prayer and I came to understand—the Scriptures better about "The brightness of His Glory." As it seemed He gave me a blessed taste of it. More than once while praying it seemed that there was such glory, there was a great brightness, not fire, etc., but the real brightness of His glory." Praise God!

Nearly two weeks spent in the home with a Chinese Brother and wife was a most precious experience. They both have such bright rich experiences. Have had the Baptism of the Spirit for some months. He is quite educated and was our teacher when we first arrived in China. His dear wife, like most Chinese women, is uneducated, only knows to do the work of the home. (If little girls are sent to school the family is criticised for it. In fact, formerly there were no schools for girls except the Christian schools. Now the Government is opening them I believe. These are the conditions in the north which I speak of where we lived. The south has awakened more to foreign ways etc.)

This dear sister has such a precious testimony it rejoices my heart so to hear her talk, and she don't seem to know any better than to declare the whole council of God. You know sometimes it is easy for people to fear offending folks and want to use wisdom as they say, which is well enough in its place, but this dear sister don't seem to know anything about that and there is power in her testimony. I told them I felt she should learn to read. They said they had been praying about it, but so far there had been no way open to get some one to do the work of the home, etc. The sister replied that she could not give people praises all the time. I felt led to tell them to get a

widow woman to live with them and also pay her something so she could take the largest part of the work off this dear sister, so she will be free to study and work among the women. I told them I would not promise any definite amount for if they got eyes on me something may happen which would hinder me from helping them. I felt however we could easily do this from our tithe as it will only take about \$1.50 or \$2.00 U. S. money per month.

The people of Shantung are very dear to me and if I can't live and work among them, I want to have some one in my place, who I can uphold by prayer and means. Praise God! Our influence can tell all over the world if we will let God have His way with us. We had a blessed stay of little over a month with them all.

There are many up there who would come into the Church of God if it was set in order. If the dear Lord ever sends me back up there I shall be happy. I feel nearer the Chinese than my own people.

We arrived here in Manila June 1st. There is no Pentecostal work here of any kind, as we have been able to learn, neither have we yet talked with any who knew anything about it. Therefore, we feel this is a very promising field. We have heard of one lady here who received the Baptism some years ago, but backslid. We hope to look her up, so please pray that she may be reclaimed.

Surely this is a wicked place. So many Americans live here. U. S. has quite a large army here and I suppose there are hardly any Christians to be found among them. I saw in the Evangel some months ago a letter from Sister Nancy Hutchins, of Beaver, Pa., saying her son was in the army here. The Lord willing I hope to look him up soon. I would like to have a letter from Sister Hutchins. I feel I am to first go into the churches here and give my testimony, as truly there are honest souls there whom I owe it to. Then that will give many opportunity to hear for themselves and when a public place of worship is opened they will know something of what we believe and teach.

So please pray definitely and earnestly for us. It will take much holy boldness, courage, meekness and humility coupled with the love of 13th, 1st Cor., so I plead with you to pray. Pray through for us. O, if some saints would take us upon their hearts to Pray, Pray, Pray. Remember we are in a foreign land and that it means much to battle with the physical ailments which are almost abroad in the land with our two children. Then the enemy has had his way here so long, (so many Catholics here as well as heathen), until he is going to try to keep the Truth of God's Word from being established here. But praise God, our God is mighty and able. Hallelujah!

We will by His grace and in His name win the victory.

It has just been wonderful, wonderful how our children have been kept in body since we left U. S. 2 1-2 years ago. I say this by way of testimony for the glory of our Lord. My husband also enjoys good health and while I have had several serious attacks with my stomach this year which is dreaded by people here in the orient, yet I am happy to say the Lord has blessedly delivered each time and my health has been better this year than previously. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

I must close this hoping it is not too long. Shall hope to write you again before so long as to how things go here.

Yours for the spreading of this precious Gospel,

Mrs. P. R. Rushin.

WHAT SHALL I DO TO HELP?

SAM C. PERRY

There is something for every one to do. None are supposed to be idle. God's Church is as a mighty army. Its success depends on the faithfulness of each individual. The ministry alone cannot make a success of our work, nor even the deacons and officers of Church and Sunday school added to the services of the ministry, but to shine in our fullest glory each individual member down to the smallest child among us has his place to fill and his work to perform. We can only partly shine with a part only doing their duty. It is right that we look to spirit-filled, God-sent ministers to lead us and heaven-appointed teachers to conduct our Sunday schools, but we must follow on, we must each come along with our part.

God has given each one a testimony, prayer, a song or message that is peculiarly his own. There is no one else just like you, and possessing the same influence over certain individuals as yourself, no one else can fill your place for you, each one has all he can do to fill his own place.

We often hear people who can preach, testify, pray or sing better than we, but this is no reason for us to leave our work because it don't look just as good to us as what we see in others, we have our own place to fill and work to perform and in the end it will amount to infinitely more to us than that of any other person on earth. We shall not be rewarded according to the victories and blessings of others, but according to our own, therefore, it should be our first business in life to live in God's highest favor.

But what can I do to help in the great work of evangelizing the world and getting the bride ready for translation?

In the first place we must all of every position and standing in the Church live in touch with God. "The husbandman must first be partakers of the fruits." Our sins must be forgiven, the heart must be washed from evil tempers and every other evil, and the soul much be filled with the Holy Ghost. This glorious salvation lived and practiced in the daily life forms a basis for christian service in every line. A life based on anything else could not have God's favor, and could not bring him the glory he desires. The presence of a good spirit filled man or woman is a benediction any where. The world feels such characters. They are "the salt of the earth."

Our ministers are to be faithful in their line of duty. Through evil as well as good report. On all proper occasions, witnessing and declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ, with the object of making known to men the mighty Savior. To do this successfully the tongue, the temper and all the life must be under control of the Spirit. A man filled with the Spirit, and possessing wisdom and tact in giving out the word of God, is never without a place to be working for lost souls. How we do need a whole regiment of Holy men full of the Spirit and wisdom from above to lead the people to God. If you haven't the qualifications, you need not go, there will be nothing done, but if God

calls you to go he will go with you and your going will be a success no matter if the beginning is small and the prospects poor.

Saint Peter, an ignorant fisherman would not have been man's selection for a great preacher, but God called him and put his power upon him and he succeeded. Man never succeeds without God no matter how intelligent or popular.

The ordinary Christians can be helpers by standing faithfully at your post. Are you always on hand in the preaching services, Sunday school and prayer meetings? If you can't do great things you can be faithful. Ready to show to the world what God is doing for you. Ready to speak, ready to listen, ready to suffer. Ready at home or abroad for your Master's service, whatever it is or how unexpectedly it may come. Ready with whatever self-denial sacrifice God may require at your hands. Many think they must preach or get "out into the work" or do something extra because God has saved and filled them with His power and presence, but it is glorious to see men and women who are gloriously saved from all sin and filled with His Spirit, living the life at home and in the field, and everywhere showing forth the praises of the Master. Such people can certainly be soul winners.

A young lady was asked by a friend to spend the evening with her instead of attending the regular prayer meeting. At first she decided to do so, but later felt she must attend the service, which she did. As usual she gave her testimony and let her light shine for the Lord. During the service, a lady came forward and was saved. She was moved to seek God from hearing the testimony of this young woman. Near midnight there was a terrible wreck on the railroad. This young girl saw the pale face of the woman who had been saved that night through her testimony borne from the wreck. In a short time, she passed out into eternity. Saved because of one who lived and shined for Jesus.

Yes, all can do something. We can pray, testify, encourage the weak, give of our substance to support the ministry. We can minister to the sick, and poor and needy. There is much to do if our heart is in the work.

May God wake us all up and put us to work as never before for the salvation of the lost about us.

Coker, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I am so glad I can trust the Lord for soul and body. I am still under the blood of Jesus.

I want every child of God to pray a special prayer for my husband. He fell from a wall yesterday and was hurt very badly. We are praying that God will heal him. The Lord is so good to His children.

I want to stand true and be ready when Jesus comes or calls.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. J. T. Snellley.

Pooler, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints:

Since I was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost I have been denied the privilege of assembling with the saints in meeting except a few times. Therefore I have been exposed to Satan a great deal. I consecrated myself and children to God in my weak way but when sickness came upon my children in an alarming way I was overcome, and resorted to physicians instead of trusting God, and the dear Lord took my baby. I went on for awhile very much discouraged, then I read the Last Great Conflict and this caused me to pick up new courage and again I promised to trust the Lord. In a very short time I took the measles and my condition became alarming. My husband urged me to take medicine and at last I consented. I decided to wait until I could get more victory before I trusted the Lord. The doctor called to see me and supplied me with medicine. Oh, how I felt condemnation creeping over me. I began to take the medicine as directed and the more I took the worse I became. Then I realized my situation was critical and I laid aside all medicine and began to pray with all my might and put my whole trust in God. I became speechless but still I was pleading earnestly to God in my mind. I called for prayer from every one around me and a very good sainted Methodist lady offered up a sweet fervent prayer for me and anointed me with oil in the name of the Lord and I realized I was getting better in a few minutes. Oh, how I began to plead with God to forgive and spare me to warn others of the great importance of standing true to God and being ready to go at any time. After the awful suffering of twenty-four hours I gave up completely into the hands of God. I then saw a vision of the multitudes of the earth and how they were dropping into hell. I saw hell with its awful horrors. It was as a roaring furnace of fire and brimstone and no words could ever express the agonies of the precious souls as they would drop in.

How I cling to Jesus for safety as I passed by. I saw many more mysterious things, then I came to a place of paradise. There I heard the most beautiful music and singing that I have ever heard. I beheld my beautiful little darling baby in this place waiting for me and many others were there waiting for loved ones. Other babies were waiting for mothers and fathers and I hope they are not waiting in vain. Be ready, mothers, your little ones are beckoning you to come to heaven. I mean to meet my little darling there.

I saw my robe carried in for me and it was beautiful, also I had a glimpse of my crown and it shone like the sun. Oh, if every one just knew how sacred and grand that place of paradise was they could draw a faint imagination of heaven's beauty.

I saw Jesus coming to my rescue and He saw my flowing tears and He relieved me of my suffering and I went to sleep for the first time in two days and nights. This was Saturday night and on Monday morning I arose by the help of my dear Lord and went about my duties and now I am sound and well and trusting God with soul and body and don't mind telling the people about it.

I intend to diligently urge every one to serve God and

live for Him and never become discouraged and give up in time of sickness. God will do His part if we pray earnestly enough.

Let us all pray for Brother Tomlinson that he may have divine wisdom in advising our young men about the war. I feel that if every one will take his advice they will not go against God's will.

I feel the need of the prayers of God's children, so don't forget to pray for me.

Humbly,
Mrs. H. P. Harmon.

Flatwood, Ala.

Dear Editor and all the Saints—
Greeting in Jesus' Name:

We want to sound a note of praise to God for the good blessings He has given us.

In answer to prayer, three good homes have been opened in which to have prayer meeting. We are getting along nicely with our prayer meetings and the Lord pours out His Spirit upon us. Praise His name. May God's blessing rest upon all of His children.

Your brother and sister,
L. Rasmussen and Wife.

Jefferson City, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We can report a wonderful meeting at Cedar Hill on July 1st. We had all day meeting and dinner on the ground.

Brother Trim preached in the morning and in the afternoon we engaged in the Lord's supper and washed the saint's feet.

God poured out His Spirit upon us in a wonderful way.

God is wonderfully blessing brother and sister Trim in their labors for Him and we trust He will continue to do so.

Your sister awaiting His coming,
Mrs. Charles Morisset.

Safe in the Arms of Jesus.

On the evening of July 9, 1917, the death angel silently entered and claimed Watson Charles Wall, the two years old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Wall. He leaves a father and mother, many relatives and a host of friends in bereavement.

A truer little boy, a kinder son, a sweeter little friend never lived. His sweet disposition was a blessing to all who knew him.

He was a sufferer for several days but he bore his pain patiently. All that loving hands could do could not stay the hand of death. His liberated spirit flitted into the unspeakable joys of heaven. The warfare is over, the end is peace, the victory is won and heaven is gained.

We miss the dear one but he is at rest in a bright glittering land of happiness.

The community extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

May this dear one that has been taken from us and placed upon the peaceful shores of heaven be as a guiding star to us who yet will have to cross the river of death.

His body was laid to rest in a cemetery near Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'er shadowed,
Sweetly, little Watson rests.

Hark! 'tis the voice of angels,
Borne in a song to him,
Over the fields of Glory,
Over the Jasper sea.

One who loved little Watson,
Delma Hamilton.

Treading Dangerous Ground.

[Below we give a letter received quite recently in reply to some advice given showing the importance of holding firmly to the Assembly and its teachings. The sister was on the verge of bolting because she was refused permission to teach some theory that the Assembly did not endorse. This may be good for others who may be tempted in a similar manner. Those who are dissatisfied and tempted to disloyalty should take warning.—Ed.]

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greeting in Jesus' name.

Brother, I am rebuked. If I have rushed in where angels fear to tread, I pray you to intercede for me. I had a terrible battle with Satan against the Lord and me. My soul was in travail, and I cried, Lord if you don't make me to hear and know your voice, I am lost! And, praise God, I heard His sweet voice above the din of battle, saying, "Child, work in my vineyard, stay where you are." I had been having serious thoughts of coming out from where I was (leaving the Church of God,) and walking alone rather than walk with some that I thought were going wrong. But God has shown me that I must not lacerate the body of Christ in such a manner.

I feel so humble and quite in spirit this morning, and the blessed Comforter abides.

Dear Brother, I feel that the prayers of God's faithful ones have helped me over a dangerous precipice. Continue to pray that God's children may not be destroyed by the destroyer. And if I may, I would suggest that Brother Sam Perry inform the Church of God people through the Evangel of the dignity and necessity of the Assembly. I realize it this morning as never before; how the Assembly is searching for the truth and hidden wisdom of God, giving it to the ministers and they in turn giving it to the people.

Praise God for the standard. You may print this if you like, it may help some one.

Your sister under the blood,
Mattie Batts.

Francis, Okla.

Dear Saints of God—Greeting in the Name of Jesus:

The Lord is so good to us. He has been blessing us wonderfully. We are looking for Jesus to come soon and we want to do all we can while we are waiting for Him. We want to be prepared against the awful day that is at hand. Surely this is the time of preparation.

A day of coming together is at hand, a day of war, a day of trouble, a day of judgment, a day when the Lord shall call His people.

It seems that the year 1917, will bring the greatest changes the world has ever witnessed more sorrow, more heart-aches, more weeping, more death, more broken hearted fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, wives and husbands.

It is a time that God's children should stand together and be true to God. No matter what comes if we are faithful to our God He will be with us.

Yours for the truth,
I. W. Howard.

Harlan, Ky.

We are trying to make every day count for God. We are building a new house where we can worship God. Please pray that God will enable us to meet the expenses and get it paid for.
Mrs. Bertha Martin.

Hayesville, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Evangel Family:

Greeting in Jesus' dear name. It gives me real delight to tell through the columns of the dear Evangel what my dear Redeemer has done for me.

For about five years I was a member of the Baptist denomination, and for about four years was a deacon of the same.

My desire at all times was to do the right thing and I was very sure I was a christian. I was always prominent with the preachers and attended services quite regular and was very zealous of that way, knowing only the baptism of John.

The time came when some holiness preachers came into our community and began a meeting in a school house near our meeting house where we were trying to hold services. Some how we couldn't get any crowds while those people were preaching. People would just pass our place by the wagon loads just the same as if nothing was doing. Of course it didn't suit our preacher and I was not so very fond of such carrying on as this either. We couldn't even keep our members from the holiness meeting and some of us become stirred to some extent; so another one of our prominent members and myself decided we would just go over to the school house one night and give the preacher a few nice flints and perhaps he would quit his job and we could rest better. So we went along, arrived there, the services began as usual. We entered the house and took our seats as near the door as possible. The preacher began his discourse with such power and expression until I became astonished at such preaching for I had never before heard it or saw it on this fashion.

My partner become so interested, I suppose he forgot me and our intention for going there, that he moved up nearer the preacher. We both listened with eagerness and forgot our fighting disposition. We often talked of the good sermon we heard that night but still thought they were only deceivers and we didn't mean to be carried about with everything that come along.

The meeting eventually closed and I remained in my crowd and opposed holiness.

Later some other preachers came to this place and began the same thing. After they had shelled our forts for quite awhile with the real non-resisting truth, our walls began to crumble. Some of our members began to confess that they were sinners and began to get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues. Among this number was my old brother and partner that had joined me to run the other preachers out. He had always been a special friend to me but he didn't seem quite so near to me by this time.

Of course our preacher didn't intend keeping any one in our gang that didn't commit sin every day and too, this Holy Ghost business and speaking in other tongues was just ridiculous to us and we couldn't endorse such stuff so we immediately brought a charge of heresy against those whom we ignorantly thought had gone astray and discharged them on grounds of heresy.

By this time the holiness people had something organized that they called the Church of God. Our members that we had gotten

rid of went into it. They only had a few members and no house of their own to worship in, and to me it looked very weak, and we just laughed and mocked at them. They would gather together three or four times a week and shout, pray, sing, talk in tongues and preach and they really seemed to be the happiest people I had ever heard of. At last I began to attend their meetings. I would go but not very regularly. I was wondering and thinking very serious over this matter. The more I went the more I wanted to go, until at last, I never missed a service. Some kind of a drawing power got hold of me. I can now realize what it was. Jesus said, "And if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." And the Lord was drawing me to Him and His body, the Church of God. The time came that I was so near the light that one of its rays happened to hit me and while its glittering beams remained upon me I saw myself and beheld I was a sinner on my road to hell. It was a great surprise to me to see myself as God saw me, and to think of me claiming to be a christian so long and holding the high office of deacon in the denomination of which I belonged. I saw only one way out of this and that was to confess out, repent and get right with God. It was a trying thing to do and Satan says "now what will your church folks think, you being a deacon and doing this way; you will not have a friend left." I just said "Lord, help me, I want salvation. I have been deceived, I thought I was a christian, but was honestly mistaken."

I am glad to say that about a year ago the Lord saved me from my sins and sanctified both soul and body, and about one month later the blessed Holy Ghost came in and of course I spoke with other tongues. Then I was charged with heresy by my denomination and was excluded.

Praise God, I have at last found my heart's desire, for I am a member of the great Church of God, the growing plant, the flourishing vine. The church that once looked like nothing to me is now the delight of my soul, and a body of nearly a hundred members with my old partner-opposer for my pastor. We once walked together serving sin and Satan, fighting holiness and opposing God, but we are now both made new, melted in the same ladle and now agree perfectly, walking together fighting sin and the devil. Praise God!

There has never been a greater slave to smoking than I was. My pipe was my whole delight. I carried a tremendous scent where ever I went but the Lord has cleaned me up from head to foot, praise God!

I am telling this for the glory of God and for the rescue of others that are caught in the same trap that I was once in. Praise God, I am free, the shackles are loose, the bands are bursted, I'm His child I know and I'm so glad. I now have no desire for the pipe but have a far better Comforter, the blessed Holy Ghost. I'm delighted in this way, rejoicing in my King, a happy man. Glory to God!

Your brother in the King's highway,

G. J. Stamey.

Report.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the saints: Greeting. It has been some time since we have reported through the

Evangel, but we haven't been idle. We first had to build a place of worship here before we could have a place of sufficient size in which to hold a revival. So we finished up a tabernacle 30 x 60 the last of May and began the meeting the first Saturday night in June holding three weeks.

While the meeting was not what we desired, it proved a blessing to many souls in different ways. The saints were strengthened and edified. Numbers were under deep conviction who would not yield. Nine received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. We did not try to keep up with those saved and sanctified. Eighteen joined the church and fifteen were baptized in water.

On Sunday night of the second week we had the Lord's supper and feet washing. Numbers were healed all during the meeting.

Four have been baptized since the meeting closed and two have been saved. Up to the time the revival began more than twenty had received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and been reclaimed in our regular services. We had a wonderful meeting last night here, the power was manifested in a wonderful way, shouting, dancing, talking in tongues, etc.

On June 26th, we began a meeting at Scanlon, La., seventeen miles from Kentwood. Most every doctrine, we were told, had been preached there. We ran the meeting about ten days. Four received the Baptism, three the last night, the altar was full of seekers. A good number were saved and sanctified, and fourteen joined the church. There membership will be at Kentwood for a while. We had large crowds all during the meeting. A number were convinced that this is the only way, and seed was sown that no doubt will bring in a harvest at some future time. If we could have stayed another week, no doubt many more would have been won for God, but other places were calling for us. We began at Spring Creek, five miles from Kentwood this week then on to North La., the 1st of August. Pray for us that God may bless us in every meeting.

We want to thank our many friends who helped us on the car and ask God's blessings on each one. We would like to write each one a personal letter, but time will not permit. The order was delayed so long that we have just received it. We expected it at least a month earlier.

Yours for salvation of lost souls,

M. S. Haynes,
Box 273, Kentwood, La.

Bridgeport, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to God for He is so good to us.

About five weeks ago I came to this place and found a band of "Free Holiness" people. They would not have the Church of God and its teachings at all, but I am standing for the true Church and her teachings.

About two weeks ago we closed a meeting. No one came through to God but there were several seeking the light and some of the "Free Holiness" folks have become interested concerning the dear old Church of God.

Wife and I expect to commence a meeting about the 15th, the Lord willing. Pray for us that we may do the will of our Father.

Your humble servant,
Lee Stanley.

Omaha, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I read the little paper every week and it does my soul so much good.

It seems to me that we should be more and do more for the Lord than ever before. I greatly desire the prayers of all the saints that I may have on the whole armor of God and be the cause of bringing souls to Christ. I expect by the dear Lord's help to press on and obtain the wonderful baptism with the Holy Ghost. We would be so glad if some Church of God preacher and some workers full of the Holy Ghost would come to this place and hold a revival and set a church in order.

There are several pentecostal people through this country, but not many understand the Church of God. They claim to be born into the church, and now so many have been re-baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. It has puzzled many. Do you, Brother Tomlinson, think it essential, after once being baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost? I am asking this simply for information and your view on it, if you please.

I still praise the Lord for His goodness to me and mine for I feel victory in my soul. Please pray for husband and me that we may go on to know more about the Lord.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. H. C. Graves.

In reference to the question about re-baptizing, will say that it is not so much the formula or ceremony used in baptism that counts as the act itself. It may be good to rebaptize people sometimes, but it should not be done merely because of the use or non-use of words in the ceremony.—Ed.

Fordsville, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I am praising God for a full and free salvation.

I received the Holy Ghost Sept. 16, 1916. Oh, what joy that came to me. I am still praising Him for sending the Comforter. Before I received the Holy Ghost I had the head ache about every month but now I am healed, thank God.

I want every saint of God to pray that my wife may be healed of rheumatism in her feet and also that she may receive the Holy Ghost.

Brother Willis Carden has just closed a two weeks meeting here. There are many hungry souls but guess they are not hungry enough to feed on the heavenly manna.

May the Lord bless all the saints and keep them in His care, and may each one do His will.

Your brother in Christ,
Guy Marlow.

Notice.

A meeting will begin at Catchings, Miss., better known as Colaho, Miss. on Saturday, July 28, 1917.

Brother Dollahite will be in charge with the Holy Ghost to lead. We are expecting great things from the Lord. All are invited to attend. Any one who wants to be blessed or be a blessing come and be with us.

This is a hard place and we earnestly desire the prayers of God's people that our King may be glorified.

We will take care of any on

who comes. Please write us before coming.

Anyone that can play the organ and can come, please write us.

G. T. Cook.
Catchings, Miss.

Prayer Wanted.

I am very weak in body, but I have faith in the Lord. I have a little boy baby ruptured and a little girl that seems to be demon possessed. Please pray earnestly that we may be delivered.

Bell Quinton.
Logan, W. Va.

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